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MUSIC OF THE PEOPLE

All Georgia College choral ensembles come together

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On Sunday, Nov. 1, the GC Choral Ensembles took to the stage of First Baptist Church and performed their production, "Music of the People" to a packed house of their devoted supporters.

"Music of the People" combines different pieces that exemplify a common theme of oneness among humanity. The concert featured performances from University Chorus, Women's Ensemble, auditioned Max Noah Singers and The Cats Meow.

"One of the seniors, Mitchell Moore, had been asking me to do a concert of spirituals and I wanted to oblige before he graduated," said Jennifer Flory, director of choral activities and the conductor of the concert. "We were able to come up with a theme that would include spirituals and other 'music of the people,' such as folk songs, protest songs and songs that have specific purposes and are not classical works of art written for its own purpose."

At different points throughout the night, while the singers were transporting the audience around the world with their ethnically diverse songs, six student conductors took turns on the podium to lead the three traditional GC ensembles. These featured assistant conductors included undergraduate music education majors Meagan Johnson, Mitchell Moore, Brianna Riley, Bradley

Sowell and Caroline Thomas, along with graduate student Stephen Hutchings.

"I love being in the choral ensembles," said Sowell. "The students provide assistant directors with real life experiences in terms of rehearsal techniques. The faculty is so supportive of providing us with these opportunities; we have great professors to model after."

The audience sat and listened to the beautiful voices of GC students throughout the concert where each song had a completely different sound than the last. Stephen Hutchings, the featured graduate student conductor, lead The Cats Meow in their cover of John

Lennon's "Imagine."

"We hoped that the audience would be able to connect with one or more pieces based on their experience or memories of history," Flory said. "For instance, many of our audience members lived through and may have been active participants in the civil rights movement, [and] a number of audience members mentioned ending up in tears during or after that piece."

As the singers hit the last note in the final song, an uproar of applause filled the church. All the hard work that the students put in during their weekly classes, and rehearsals outside of the classroom, finally paid off. Jennifer Flory feels confident that each graduating senior will go far in their future endeavors after they leave Georgia College. In preparation for next year, she looks forward to welcoming new talent, both music majors and non-music majors, into the choral family.



Thunder Crew rallies Bobcats

Spirit group transforms to an official mascot in the last six years

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They've found their way unto Georgia College's 125 Most Influential list and dominate a specific section of the Centennial Center, but questions about their greater purpose for the Georgia College community still drown the Thunder Crew.

By definition, Thunder Crew is the official spirit group for Georgia College.

"Our mission is to promote and support Georgia College athletics in a way that will get students and fans out to the game to cheer on the Bobcats," President David Robeson said.

Students wear their free Thunder Crew t-shirts, eat their free Thunder Crew food and enjoy their beverages in their free Thunder Crew koozies at many of the athletic events. These "promotional items" are designed to draw the masses to sporting events and unify the campus in Bobcat pride.

Thunder Crew also heads up two of the major annual athletic events – basketball season opener, Bobcat Madness and rivalry game, Battle of the Cats.

But the club was not always focused on t-shirt designs and Bobcat Madness plans.

Back in 2008, a group of loyal Bobcat fans created an organization dubbed the Thunder Cats.

"It was a handful of dudes that would come to the basketball games and the soccer games and dress up," said Al Weston, Georgia College's sports information director.

The club became official by the school primarily to find the funds to buy Georgia College's mascot suit, Weston said. This goal was eventually achieved, and the organization was

handed over to Pat Gamble, who changed the name to the Thunder Crew. Under Gamble's two years of leadership, Thunder Crew saw its height.

"It had an astronomical growth during his time frame as far as the membership goes," Weston said. He (also) started that Battle of the Cats element."

Three presidents have led the roars since then – Tyler Kemp, Mark Moughamian and David Robeson.

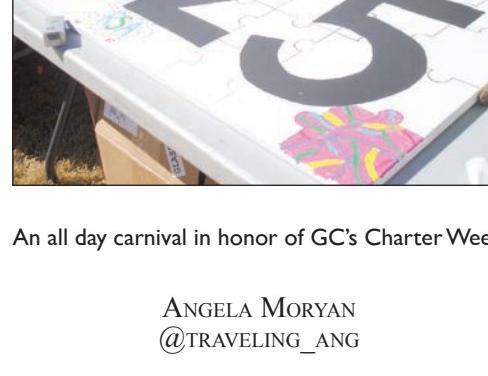
Georgia College may pride itself in being Georgia's Public Liberal Arts College, but according to the Thunder Crew, sports and athletic pride are important for any college and its students' experience at their chosen institution.

Georgia Tech and the University of

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GC students celebrate Charter Week

Event includes activities on front campus from SGA, RSA, CAB, Art as an Agent for Change and Thunder Crew



An all day carnival in honor of GC's Charter Week was filled with a variety of free activities from mug painting to inflatables.

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Cotton candy sugar swirled around the Bobcat Head as songs from Taylor Swift's "1989" drew students onto Front Campus for a Charter Week celebration.

In a combined effort, Student Government Association, Resident Student Association, Campus Activities Board and Thunder Crew entertained the student body last Friday afternoon at Bobcat Mania.

"The goal was to basically get our students excited about being Bobcats," said SGA President Juawn Jackson. "One of my main goals is to increase campus pride and partnering with CAB, RSA and Thunder Crew helps to move forward towards that goal by having events like Bobcat Mania."

Free t-shirts commemorating Georgia

College's 125th anniversary opened up the event as CAB set up their various Pinterest-inspired crafts around Front Campus.

One of the major hits of the early afternoon crowd was the mug-making station where students could decorate a plain white coffee mug with permanent markers. Students could then bake the mugs to ensure the design would stay on.

Complimentary cotton candy, popcorn and snowcones were a big hit for passing students to take advantage of in between classes.

The entire event was put on free of charge, perhaps the biggest surprise for students.

"Everyone asks us if it's free," said Michael Lerzo, sophomore pre-middle grades education major who worked the cotton candy machine for CAB.

Later in the afternoon, students enjoyed a performance by the Swing Dance club. RSA then kept the dancing mood going with line dances and salsa lessons the rest of the afternoon. Jackson even showed off his dancing talents on the Front Campus stage.

Thunder Crew commanded the event for the latter half of the day, leading a corn hole tournament and providing freshly grilled burgers and hotdogs to students and faculty.

After an intensely close semi-final game in the corn hole tournament, seniors David Robeson, senior chemistry major and Alex Cooper, senior accounting major, beat Zachary Cook, senior biology major and Michael Lancour, junior marketing major each winning a \$20 gift card to the Brick.

"I loved seeing how this fair brought all of Georgia College together," said Christal Reincher, sophomore pre-nursing major.

IT FEELS LIKE THE FIRST TIME

Nick Landon recalls giving up more than just blood

I like to think I'm an adventurous guy. So, when I was asked if I would be interested in donating blood and writing about my experience, I said: "Sure! That sounds fun!"

I went to a table of health science majors and signed up to donate blood for the first time ever at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

The next morning, I woke up late and made the decision to skip breakfast. I had a minute to grab a chicken sandwich and a powerade, a convenient meal if you ask me, before going to the Magnolia Ballroom.

When I walked into the ballroom, camera in tow, what lie before me was an array of metal beach chairs turned medical tables, people in scrubs, college kids at tables with sign in sheets and blue tarps making impromptu exam rooms around the edges of the ballroom floor.

"Uh, I'm here to donate blood," I said it sort of like a question, the way I do when I'm uncomfortable. I was directed to a sign-up sheet with a handful of other names and organizations written on it.

I thumbed through a "Welcome" brochure, briefing me about what was about to happen. When I finished, I

was escorted to a row of chairs where I waited to take what they told me was a "Mini Physical" before we got down to business.

I wasn't allowed to take pictures during this part, so you'll have to take my word for what happened behind the blue tarps.

She pricked my finger while I made casual conversation. It hurt considerably worse than I'd imagined, but I toughed it out.

After this lady scooped some blood out of my finger to check my Hemoglobin Value, which was perfect, I had to answer a series of questions about my travels, my sexual escapades or lack thereof, and my health -- all fair game.

I finished up, took my ID, and was shown to one of those medical beach chairs I mentioned earlier.

I took a final swig of my powerade before setting it on the floor next to me and waiting for someone to take my sweet, sweet blood.

"Would you mind moving up here to this chair? These two up here will be seeing you, it'd be easier for them if you're right there." A scrubbed woman asked.

"Sure, no problem." I said. Why not? I want to try and stay on the right side of these guys. So me, my camera and my empty powerade bottle made our way to the designated chair.

"Do you have a preference on which arm we use?" asked Barbara, the nurse in charge of harvesting my blood that fateful day.

"Whichever arm is easiest for you guys is easiest for me," I said. Donating blood is all about being helpful, anyway.

They have me squeeze this foam bar as they felt up my arm to find a vein to use as a highway to wet, red heroism; right first, then left.

They eventually decided on my left arm and had me move again so that I would be in a chair that had a table to my left side. They explained that this would be quicker and easier. "Sure, sure," I said, "whatever works for you guys."

They also explained that I could stop squeezing the foam thing.

Barbara marked the vein they were shooting for, cleaned my arm up and set up the "Blood Bag" as I'm calling it.

Here's where it gets fun.

Barbara, who I forgot to mention earlier is currently still training with American Red Cross, gave me a "Here we go," and went for it.

I squeezed the foam brick extra hard.

But I wasn't prepared for what happened next.

I felt a searing pain in my (Arm-crease? Inner-elbow? Arm-crack? Antecubital Space?) as the needle went into my arm.

I know I was holding the foam thing when we started but I wasn't holding it anymore at this point. I was wincing, doubling over, snapping pictures and keeping my wrist pointed up as promised.

I couldn't feel my hand -- all of the feeling left and went to the needle in my arm instead.

"How are you feeling?" Barbara asked.

"I'm good, it just -- is it supposed to hurt this bad?"

I said through grinding teeth.

I don't really remember what was said next. But I did squirm a lot, I had my eyes closed, and I kept thinking to myself: "Don't throw up, don't throw up, don't throw up."

Then, I threw up in my mouth a little and felt my head drifting from shoulder to shoulder.

"You doing okay?" Barbara asked.

"I'm good, I'm good," I said. "I'm hurting really bad.

I can't feel my hand."

'Take the arm!' I thought to myself.

There was some more chatter between Barbara and the woman training her. Then they decided to pull the needle out. Thank God.

They told me they were pulling the needle, and did it. Which was like an awful stinging and relieving feeling all at the same time while Barbara evacuated my arm.

I later learned that they had stuck my tendon instead of a vein, an honest mistake. The shriveled, sad Capri-Sun of blood on the table next to me meant I had lost a significantly smaller amount of blood than they had intended; a direct result of trying to get blood out of my tendons instead of my veins.

Barbara explained that I couldn't make another donation until January since I had technically donated some blood.

"Sure, sure, sure," I said. Hallelujah.

I retired to the snack table with the other blood drive survivors and ate a couple of chocolate peanut butter wafer crisp bar things and drank some orange juice.

My weak, gimp arm at my side, I left the Magnolia Ballroom knowing I had saved approximately a baby or two with my blood. Better luck in January, right?



Photos by Nick Landon and Lexi Scott
But it wasn't all bad, Drew Allen gave for a tenth time

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Sexual assault reported at GC

Student Affairs informs students of safety, consent on campus

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On Nov. 3, Bruce Harshbarger, vice president of student affairs, sent out an email to students titled "Sexual Conduct and Consent." The email informed students of two reported sexual assaults that took place last month involving Georgia College. Andy Lewter, dean of students, and Jennifer Graham, Women's Center coordinator, wrote the email together in response to the two sexual assaults.

"Statistically, sexual assault happens on all college campuses," said Graham. "We just wanted to make sure students were aware of the resources we have available here on campus, as well as talk a little bit about some of our bystander safety tips."

The email gives guidelines as to how to understand consent and safety tips.

Methods are also included regarding how to intervene on a situation that displays sexually aggressive behavior. The methods can easily be remembered through knowing the four 'Ds.' These 'Ds' include: direct, delegate, distract and defer.

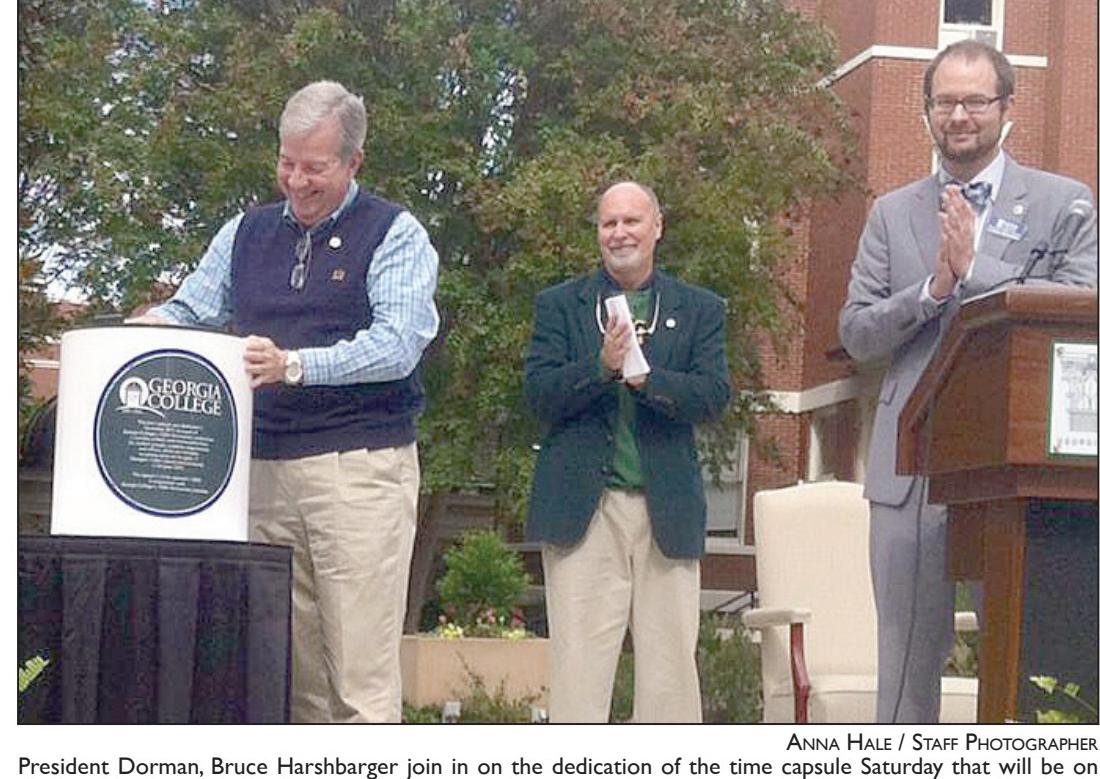
As stated in the email, "direct" includes stepping up and taking action as soon as sexual aggression is noticed. "Delegate" involves bringing others

into the situation to help, and "distract" is when the focus is shifted to something else or the subject is changed in order to change the tone of the situation. "Defer" is following up after the incident to see if the victimized person is OK and if they are aware of the campus' resources.

"We wanted students to be aware that they're not alone, so if that is something they've experienced, then there are some places they can go for help on campus," Graham said. "They don't have to go through that process by themselves."

The last part of the email presents a list of all of the resources on campus that can be used for anyone wanting assistance regarding sexual abuse. These resources consist of the GC Women's Center, Counseling Services, Public Safety and Eve Puckett, the university's Title IX coordinator.

"We want students to know that we care on campus, that we're not ignoring things, that we're not trying to cover up things," Graham said. "We take each instance of sexual misconduct very seriously on campus, and we want to support those individuals to the best of our ability."



ANNA HALE / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
President Dorman, Bruce Harshbarger join in on the dedication of the time capsule Saturday that will be on display in the Library's Clarke Street entrance.

GC dedicates time capsule

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On Nov. 8, Georgia College staff, faculty, students and community members contributed artifacts and memorabilia to a time capsule as part of its quasquicentennial anniversary. The time capsule will be opened in 2039 in celebration of Georgia College's 150-year anniversary.

Instead of burying the capsule, it will be displayed in a glass case on the second floor of the library, near the circulation desk.

"One of the problems of burying time capsules is that those who know where they are tend to pass on," said Bruce Harshbarger, vice president of student affairs. "And then when you're doing renovations and new construction on campus you say, 'What in the world is this?,' and 'Oh, my God we just dug something up.'"

Many organizations, clubs

and departments all presented their personal mementos on stage during the capsule ceremony.

These organizations, clubs and departments all shared the common goal of projecting a positive message about both themselves and GC through memorabilia.

Campus Catholics put together a list of prayer intentions for the coming years to add to the time capsule. Benedict Esposito, a member of Campus Catholics, said that the club will look to see if their prayers were answered by the time of the next capsule unveiling.

"I prayed for a family and a life," Esposito said. "I hope that'll turn out—fingers crossed."

Chris Lee, one of the staff members from the library, contributed a 3-D printed bobcat head attached to a corinthian column. The trophy sized object was printed using GC's first 3-D printer.

ENGAGE, GC's Quality Enhancement Plan, presented a brick, with only the word "ENGAGE" printed in black on its side. The brick was intentionally left with an ambiguous message.

"It'll be fun for people to figure out why this brick is in there, and why it says ENGAGE," said Julia Metzker, director of ENGAGE.

Other clubs, organizations and departments from GC that didn't participate in the ceremony still contributed objects to the time capsule.

"Time capsules are really great opportunities for us as a community to take a snapshot of what we're doing and what we're all about, and sort of transport it into the future," said Josh Kitchens, Georgia College archivist.

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SARAH DICKENS / CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

Emmanuel Little is looking for future participants for the Call Me MISTER cohort.

Call me MISTER

Mentor program planned for future

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In an effort to create a better tomorrow for local students, Georgia College has created a cohort for mentors to help instruct students -- the Call Me MISTER program. Less than two percent of educators in the United States are black males, according to the latest statistics from the Call Me MISTER cohort's brochure.

"We are looking for individuals who are underrepresented when it comes to race, socioeconomic and geographic status," said Emmanuel Little, director of the Call Me MISTER program and Minority Retention of GC.

Call Me MISTER is an acronym that stands for Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role models. Students of the cohort are known as MISTERs.

MISTERs receive benefits from the Call Me MISTER cohort, including financial assistance, academic coaching, in-classroom experience and others, according

to the Call me MISTER brochure.

The mission of Call Me MISTER is simple: to target local students in the Baldwin County and Milledgeville area who are pursuing a career in teaching. Little hopes to attract five MISTERs to its first cohort in fall 2015.

"I think it's a huge opportunity to really affect things in a lot of different ways because not only are you creating more diversity in front of the classroom, but you are also taking those blinders off in terms of debunking some stereotypes that people may have in particular," Little added.

Little believes that the Call Me MISTER cohort is a huge step for promoting the mission of GC.

"I think initiatives like Call Me MISTER are huge in making sure that we incorporate what our university's mission is for these types of efforts," Little said. "It can really serve to increase our diversity here at GC."

To apply for the Call Me MISTER cohort, visit www.gcsu.edu/callmemister/index.htm.

THE SHORT LIST

The top new stories from all over the world as collected, curated and composed by Katie Skogen



1 Catch up NASA. European Space Agency made history with their comet probe, Philae. Philae landed on a comet, but is not completely secured to the comet. The comet, 67P, has a very weak center of gravity, so harpoons designed to shoot into the comet and attach Philae were not successful. The comet is 500 million kilometers from Earth, but scientists have already been able to take pictures and see live-feed from the probe. (CNN)

2 Hey, I just cleaned those. Two window washers at the New York Trade Center dangled from a motorized scaffold Wednesday. After two hours of hanging near almost completely vertical, firefighters rescued the washers by using a diamond saw to cut through the freshly-cleaned glass of the windows. The workers were diagnosed with mild hypothermia and reported

3 Putin strikes again. NATO officials say that Russian troops have completely invaded Ukraine as of Wednesday. The previously secure border is now "wide open" and "completely porous." It is also confirmed that Russians have positioned nuclear-capable fighter-bombers at an airbase in Crimea. One military official said Moscow is "completely militarizing" the Ukrainian borders. (NBC News)

4 Mo' money, mo' problems. The United Kingdom, Switzerland and the U.S. fined five of the world's largest banks -- Citibank, JPMorgan Chase, RBS, HSBC and UBS -- for manipulating global currency markets. All banks were charged \$3.4 billion in total. Bank traders allegedly made deals over online chat rooms for years conspiring against wealthy clients. The U.S. Justice Department is currently conducting its own criminal investigation of foreign-exchange rate setting. (Huffington Post)

5 Bye, bye Bush rules. The Obama Administration is officially reversing the Bush Administration rule on the Geneva Conventions. The White House released an official statement saying the previous rule stating that torture was illegal inside of U.S. borders is now extended to any U.S. territory, including, you guessed it, Guantanamo Bay. No longer will prisoners have "enhanced interrogations." The new rule also states the Geneva Conventions will apply during wartime as well, with a few minor exceptions. (ABC News)

PUBLIC SAFETY

NOVEMBER 14, 2014 JAMES BEAMAN, EDITOR

THE NAME IS DRUNK. JAMES DRUNK.

Oct. 31, 1:06 a.m. Officer McKinney was on patrol when he saw a guy stumbling across the street. He was asked if he had too much to drink and he said yes. The guy didn't have any form of identification and told McKinney his name and that he was 23. He refused a breathalyzer test and was arrested. While in the patrol car, the guy began yelling that he would have McKinney's badge taken away. McKinney then found that he had been given a fake name and learned what the guy's real name was.

WHAT A HARASS HOLE

Oct. 31, 6:46 p.m. Lt. Purvis responded to the Public Safety station because of a girl receiving harassing text messages from her ex-boyfriend. She explained that her ex was telling her that he would ruin her life by sharing private pictures and messages with other people. Purvis advised her to save the pictures and messages and to handle the case in court. No further action was taken.

LOOKS LIKE HE HAS HIS HANDLES FULL

Nov. 1, 2:21 a.m. Officer Kennedy saw a guy walking on the sidewalk with two bottles of liquor. He had a bottle of vodka and a bottle of Fireball whiskey. Kennedy made him pour the liquor out and gave him a citation for having an open container.

NO SHOES. NO SHIRT. NO SERVICE

Nov. 2, 12:40 a.m. Sgt. Smith and Officer Kennedy arrived at a home on North Richmond Street in reference to a fight. When they arrived, they saw a guy standing outside bleeding from his head. He said another guy walked up without a shirt or shoes, hit him in the head with a coffee mug and began destroying things inside the house. The shirtless guy then emerged from the house appearing very intoxicated and was placed under arrest. EMS was called and Milledgeville police arrived on the scene. The case was turned over to the Milledgeville Police Department because the house was outside Georgia College police's jurisdiction.

IF YOU'RE TRYING TO STEAL, YOU'RE DOING IT WRONG

Nov. 2, 11:23 p.m. Officer Kennedy was dispatched to building 600 at the Village in reference to a damaged door. Kennedy met with the girl who called and was told that she left for the weekend and returned to find her bedroom door had been damaged. There was a split near the locking device, making it appear as though the door was forced open. The girl said she had looked through her belongings and did not believe anything to be missing. Her roommates had friends over, but she did not know who the friends were. The case has been turned over to investigations.

BYE BYE, VYVANSE

Nov. 3, 10:08 a.m. Officer Ennis was called to West McIntosh Street in reference to missing medication. The girl who called said she left Milledgeville for the weekend and returned to find several of her prescription Vyvanse missing. The girl's roommate had friends over during the weekend, but she said she didn't know about the Vyvanse. No further action was taken.

THE POLICE HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO

Nov. 5, 10:54 a.m. Officer McWilliams responded to the student activity center in reference to a possible stolen golf cart. McWilliams met with someone who said their assigned golf cart was missing and hadn't been used in a week. McWilliams went looking for the golf cart and found it in front of Parks Hall. There was no damage to the cart and it seemed another department had borrowed it. No further action was taken.

I NORMALLY HAVE BAD BALANCE WHEN I'M DRUNK

Nov. 7, 1:49 a.m. Officer Kennedy made a traffic stop for a truck that had crossed over the center line several times. Kennedy could smell alcohol after approaching the truck and asked the driver to complete a field sobriety test. She commented that she doesn't have good balance but consented to take the test. The girl failed the test and blew a .105 into the breathalyzer. Kennedy arrested her and took her to the Milledgeville Police Department jail.

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THE WALKING DEAD: SURVIVOR TIPS

- Be part of a group.
- You are never safe. Ever.
- Don't waste bullets.
- Be weary of men with mullets.
- Be resourceful with everything you find.
- Bad smells don't mean cows. It's probably another kind of herd...

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Corrections
From the Nov. 7 issue:

The prioritization of all student fees is being addressed, not just the student activity fee. This was omitted in the news story.

A cutline for the Colonials to Bobcats was omitted. The photo was courtesy of special collections.

If you feel anything we've printed or posted online has been reported in error, please send an email to Colonnadeletters@gcsu.edu and title it: correction.

THE LITTER Box

I circled the commuter lot five times before I finally found a spot to park.

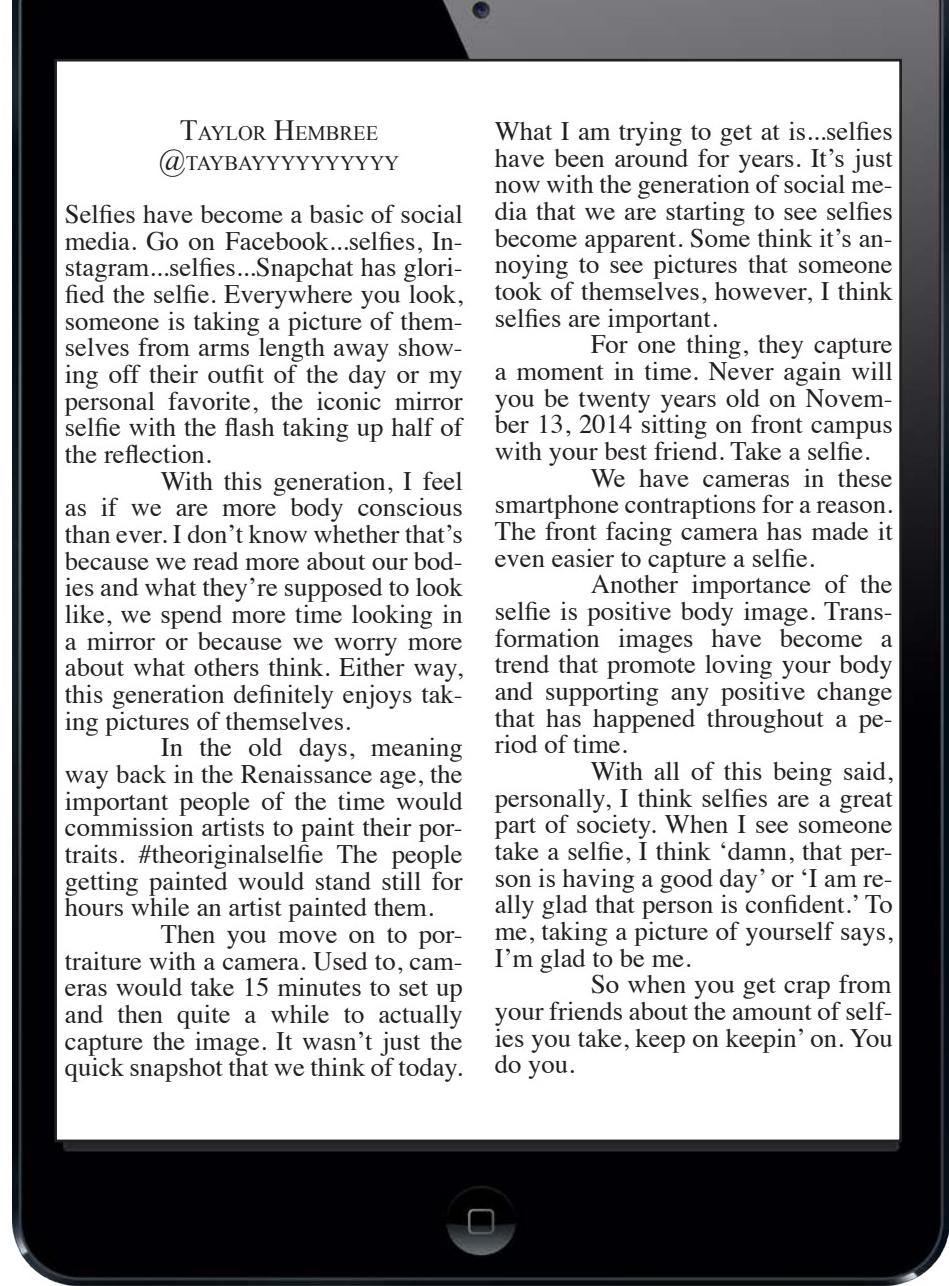
Can my student fees pay for my data overages since the lack of wifi connection isn't being addressed?

All of this change for students and NO communication from administration... cool.

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'But first, let me take a selfie'



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Other Than Dinner & a Movie...

1. Homecookin' at its finest

Alright, we all know that whether your significant other is hitting up the Max or eating cereal three times a day, he is definitely missing out on quality meals. Instead, treat him at your place! Whether you can whip up a mean lasagna, pasta, meatloaf or even a plate of freshly baked cookies, it's a fun way to spend time together in the warm confines of your kitchen.

2. Let's Take a Hike

What to do on a brisk autumn afternoon?

Go on a hike! Bartram Forest has a 4.5 mile looping trail and a small scenic lake ideal for a picnic. Make a light lunch and let your sweetie relish in his wild side as you explore the beautiful nature trails.

3. Relax in an Eno

After a long day trapped indoors studying, break free and pull out your hammock. You can both use some relaxing time. Getting cozy in an ENO is the perfect way to stop stressing and let the wind carry your worries away. The Greenway has nice nooks overlooking the river, and East Campus has a peaceful view off of Lake Laurel with plenty of trees to hook up to your ENO as you prepare to de-stress.

4. Hobby Time

It's hard to please everyone, so this time let your honey shine! Pay attention to how he likes to spend his free time, and join him. If he's a master video gamer, a major sports fan or a movie lover, surprise him by spending time doing what he enjoys, while giving him the pleasure of your sweet smile for company. Who knows, you might end up having a little fun yourself.

5. Stargazing- How Dreamy

Grab some blankets and hot chocolate to cozy up for a romantic evening under the stars. Baldwin County soccer fields and other nearby campgrounds are great places to be away from street lights and observe the night sky. You can download a stargazing app to help you identify the constellations.

Girls' Date Ideas

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1. Like Two Peas in a Pod

One simple date idea only requires a pair of trees and a hammock. Nothing says romantic fall dates like snuggling together in an Eno. Be with your significant other in the cool fall weather and watch the sun slowly dip over the horizon. The Greenway, right next to GMC, is the perfect location for a nice picnic on the lawn. Once you finish, scurry over, jump in a hammock and let your worries swing away.

2. Nature Walk a Way Into Her Heart

Bartram Forest is home to many trails and paths you and a loved one can take. Sometimes it's good to get away from technology and get back in touch with nature. Man up, grab her hand, walk around the pond and talk about memories past and future endeavors. Get away from it all with that special someone and breathe in that fresh Georgia air.

3. Dazzle her with sophistication

Worried about that first impression? If you're 21 or older, Aubri Lane's Wine Night is sure to loosen up the conversation. On Thursday's from 10 p.m.-midnight, your gal can enjoy a glass of wine for only \$7. Relax under the dimmed romantic lights and share laughs and smiles as the night goes on.

4. The Tourist of Milly

The young and the old can appreciate Milledgeville's antebellum history. Take a tour and bask in the beauty of the Old Governor's Mansion and then take the trolley to see all the sights around town. Mansion tours are free for students and the trolley ride is \$12 a person. A fun way to end the day includes shopping for antiques at the antique shops downtown. With low prices and cool trinkets, searching through the past will keep her smiling.

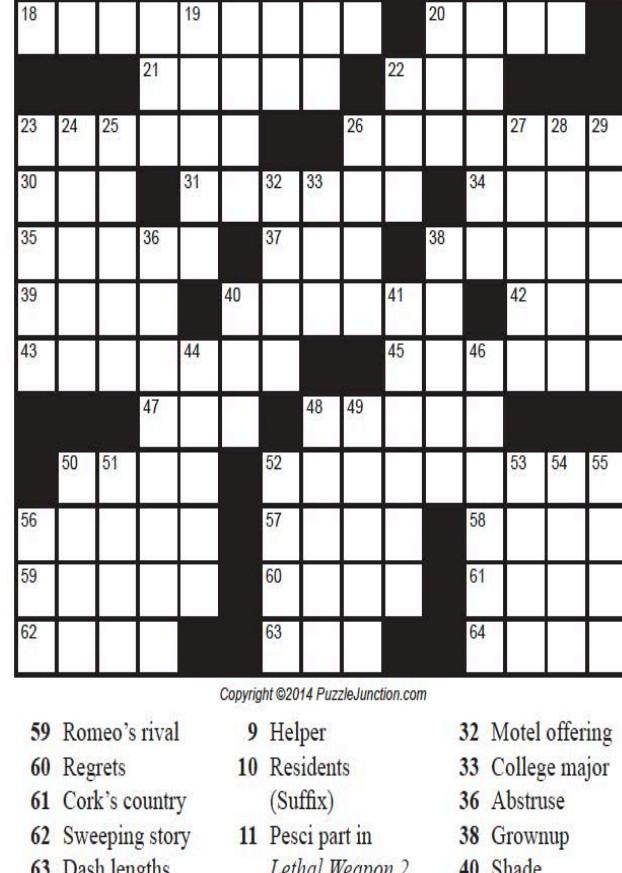
5. 'Bowl' her away

Every Wednesday night at Baldwin Bowling Center is college night. For \$10, you can enjoy unlimited bowling with shoes from 7-10 p.m. Bowling is an easy fun sport both sexes can enjoy. Very few are spectacular at bowling so the two of you can laugh at your mediocrity. For those 21 and over, beer pitchers are \$7.

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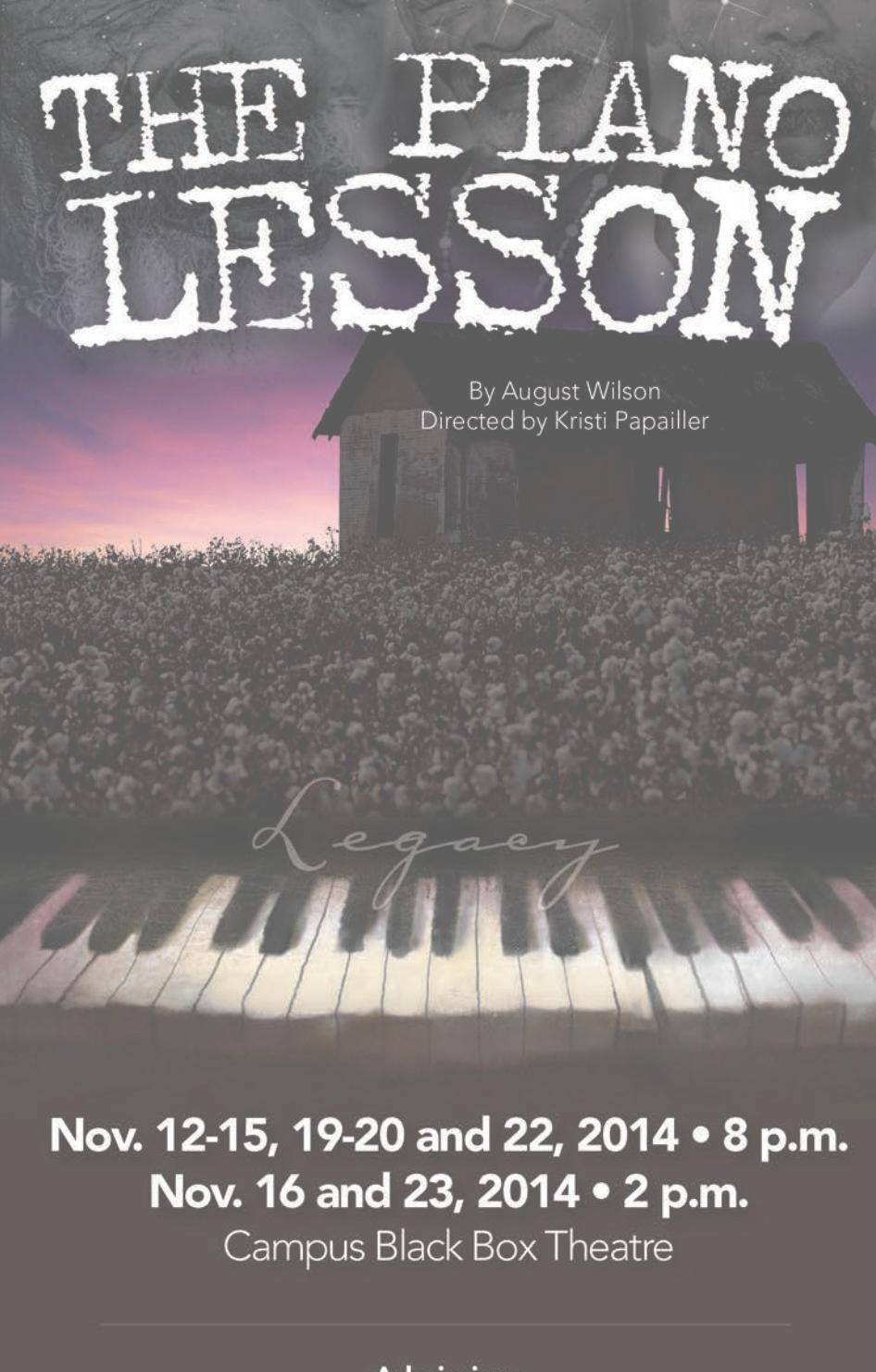
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GC Rugby: no helmets, no pads, no fear

Despite losing their final matchup of the year, the GC Rugby Club finishes the regular season with a .500 record overall, going 3-3, excluding tournament play



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Rugby is a sport imported from England but perfected at Georgia College. Rugby has grown increasingly popular in the south, and even more popular among college students.

This year the team found success at the Black Rose Tournament and the annual Deep Roots tournament, placing third and second respectively. In non-tournament games, they hold a record of 3-3.

Success for the Georgia College rugby team comes from a combination of endurance, strength and mental fortitude.

Endurance is needed to play the full 80-minute matches, often without substitutions. Strength is required to run the ball and of course, to tackle. Finally, mental fortitude is needed to know what to do when the strength and endurance run out.

"Playing a full 80 minutes without much stopping can be rough. No sport is easy, and the best sports are hard. Rugby is hard, but it is absolutely worth it," said Paul Spann, senior history major.

Practices for the Georgia College RSO are held Tuesday through Thursday at the West Campus fields at 5:30 p.m. Practices typically consist of a variety of drills from passing to ball control.

"Usually after a handful of drills we normally break up into teams and scrimmage until we run out of daylight," said Spann.

Rugby and American football are linked with a shared origin though they differ greatly in how they are played. For example, positions such as fly-half, Lock and Prop are foreign to American ears, but are all too familiar to a Rugby player.

Rugby is a free flowing game where little or no protective gear is worn. It is also a full-contact sport.

Math and physics major Michael Seligman accounts his first introduction with rugby as a freshman.

"I didn't play contact sports in high school, so I thought it would be fun to try something new," said Seligman. "I fell in love with the sport and the individuals on the team right away."

Working and maintaining the roster for solid recruits is always a priority for the Bobcats' Rugby team. The more quantity and quality of players, the higher rate of success for the already prestigious RSO here on campus.

Although the game was played Nov. 8 against North Georgia, and the Bobcats lost the match, the Georgia College Rugby team looks to kick it into high gear next year and continue to be the cream of the crop.

The club team will practice during the spring and start again next fall.



SYDNEY CHACON /CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
Georgia College's Rugby Club Team put up a good fight against North Georgia in the first half of the 80 minute match, but fell short and lost in their final game of the season. Although the GC Rugby club finished the regular season with a .500 winning percentage, the Bobcats placed well in the Black Rose Tournament and the annual Deep Roots Tournament.

Thunder Crew

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often tear students away from Milledgeville on the weekends, enticing them with big NCAA Division I football games and large tailgates.

Thunder Crew wants to bring that atmosphere to Georgia College, emphasizing the excitement that Bobcat athletics have to offer.

Aside from the excitement the Thunder Crew brings, the Georgia College Athletics Department produced a winning baseball team, and a winning women's basketball team.

"You don't have to go to Tech or Athens to have a good time," former President Mark Moughanaim said. "Our job as

Thunder Crew is to show and provide the students with that same atmosphere at GC."

A unified Georgia College crowd at games seems to only come around in February when Homecoming festivities bring students together. But the rest of the year, Georgia College spirit slips off the radar.

"There's no reason why we shouldn't be able to have the amount of support we have at Homecoming for every game because athletics are an important part of college," Robeson said. "It's a good and easy way to support our college."

Thunder Crew serves the student body, responding to the general wants and ideas of Bobcat fans, but the organization is also important to the athletic department.

"Thunder Crew gives us

a means, a channel to the students," Weston said. "(It's) a way to gather the needs and the desires of the students when it comes to our athletic program. It's huge."

Any Bobcat fan that attends athletic events is considered a part of the Thunder Crew, but an executive board meets weekly to discuss promotional ideas and event details for the upcoming games.

Currently, the board consists primarily of seniors, so the Thunder Crew waits for the next generation of Bobcat fans to put their stamp on the spirit-leading club.

"We hope to become more of a known organization around campus and from that for more people to go to athletic events," Robeson said.



ELLIE SMITH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
The GC Thunder Crew cheers on the Bobcats at homecoming.



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"Do you have time right now?" Mark Gainous asked when I called to schedule an interview.

He and the Bobcats were traveling to Orlando to take on the University of Central Florida in an exhibition game.

Calm and affable, the long time assistant coach turned head coach holds a tone as patient as one would imagine.

"We went into Georgia State with a chance to win, and we're going out to UCF with the same mindset," said Gainous.

His Bobcats were dealt an 82-65 loss from their Division I opponents, but showed immense promise by outscoring the knights 44-36 in the paint, 12-2 in fastbreak points and leading 15-12 in turnovers.

But after a few minutes on the phone with Gainous, it was obvious his sights are set much higher than just beating UCF in an exhibition game.

"I want the team to reflect my personality, but that takes time," he said.

Gainous served as assistant coach for 12 years and was a part of the coaching staff that helped the Bobcats to a Peach Belt Championship and regional finals appearance in 2006, and he says that's the kind of team he's trying to put together.

"They were really an extension of Coach Sellars, and that's why we were so successful," he said.

His focus is producing a team that's tenacious rather than patient and laid back — a totally different dynamic.

"I think fans want to see a fast paced game, and we want to try and pack the Centennial Center," said Gainous.

He didn't shy away from the tough

than Georgia College's tallest player, who also happens to be a freshman.

"It doesn't really matter who we play.

The expectation is to go out and compete – and to play together."

**Mark Gainous,
Head Men's Basketball Coach**

questions, like those about GC's difficulty on the boards.

"We're just working on it more," he asked someone else on the bus to verify before saying: "we outrebounded Georgia State by three."

Georgia State has seven guys taller

The team is exceptionally young as a whole, and Gainous is confident in his team regardless.

"It doesn't really matter who we play," Gainous said. "The expectation is to go out and compete – and to play together."

Gainous and the Bobcats are beginning

their season with an air of optimism, despite two decently meaningless losses. Gainous says the forgiving nature of basketball is one thing he likes about the game.

"I couldn't coach football. You lose one or two games and you're just out of it," Gainous said. "We play 28 games, and they're all independent from each other."

Further, this team is independent from last season's 10-16 Bobcats. Gainous and company are hopeful for an improvement from last season, and with good reason after these impressive exhibition performances.

If his confidence and enthusiasm for coaching doesn't convince you of his love for GC, his voicemail message will; he ends it with a happy, hearty "Go Bobcats," demonstrating exactly how dedicated he is to his team.

Diversity Peer Educators 2015-2016



Diversity Peer Educators are a group of student leaders dedicated to facilitating conversations among the student body about various issues of diversity. The role of the Diversity Peer Educator will be to improve inclusivity within the Georgia College community through peer education and advocacy. This will include utilizing group facilitation, collaborating with Housing, and completion of semesterly requirements. Selection Process will include interview.
Position Requirements

- Full time student
- Minimum of 15 hour credits completed
- 2.5 GPA
- Good academic standing at time of hire
- Participate in DPE functions
- Must have a strong commitment to diversity and inclusion.
- Good verbal communication and presentation skills
- Demonstrate the ability to work in a team

*This is a paid position

PBC Nationals tournament possible for cross country

The men's and women's cross country teams can represent GC at Nationals if either team or an individual places in the top three

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Last week at the PBC conference meet, the men's cross country team placed seventh out of 10, and the women's team placed eighth out of 12.

Junior Paul McNeil led the way for the Georgia College men's team. He finished eighth out of 86 participants. Junior Rachel Pasko led the way for the women, as she finished 17th.

McNeil broke the Bobcats' 8K record with a time of 25:28. Additionally, he has led the Bobcats in four of the five meets.

Assistant coach Steven Cary said there were positive things to take away from last week's meet, but there are still many things the teams need to work on.

"Everybody is improving, so that's encouraging, and rewarding as a coach," Cary said.

The Bobcats will participate in the NCAA Southeast Regional meet Nov. 22, in Montevallo, Alabama. If the Bobcats' teams finish in the top three overall, they will earn a trip to Nationals.

If not, there is still a chance for GC to be represented.

If an individual runner performs well and finishes as a top three runner, he/she can advance (excluding runners from schools who finished in the top three overall).

"Right now there is a slight chance we could be one of the top three teams," Cary said. "To be a top 10 team is a main goal for us."

Cary emphasized the importance of his teams running together.

"We have to do a better job packing, and packing together," Cary said. "We

need to finish closer to the front of the field to have a shot as a top three team."

McNeil suggested that the men's team would have to have their best race of the year to get to Nationals.

"We're a solid team, but it's been tough this year," McNeil said. "We've had a lot of injuries that have hurt us in the long run."

The men's team suffered three injuries, and it prevented the runners from participating in offseason track events last spring.

McNeil said this prevented the three runners from being in ideal shape, and it prolonged into this fall. However, he feels there is hope for Nationals.

After coming off of an impressive performance at the PBC conference meet, Pasko said it was a great run and she broke her personal record.

"It's always exciting to do well, but you always want to do better every time you race," she said.

Pasko said she's been participating in speed workouts, and resting more than normal to prepare for the regional meet.



Michael Warrick finishes 28th overall for the GC men's team.

In addition, Pasko received a PBC All-Sportsmanship award. The coaching staff gave the award to her, and Cary said, "She exemplifies a true team player."

"We have a lot of talent, but we're going to have to make sure all of the right things come together for us to have a shot at advancing," said McNeil.

Derek Roberts

Too many AP style errors

David O'Brien, the Atlanta Journal Constitution's beat writer for the Atlanta Braves has the job I envy. Maybe I'm just salty because I'm jealous of the life he gets to live. Maybe I'm pissed because he gets to travel with the team, write about baseball to earn a paycheck, and is filthy rich.

However, I've watched several interviews with O'Brien; his arrogance is apparent, and he comes off as an asshole. Aside from him being overly cocky, I've noticed he's been making mistakes quite regularly.

In an online AJC article from Nov. 7, O'Brien made an AP style mistake. Instead of spelling Arizona out in his fourth paragraph, he abbreviated it. That is acceptable for datelines, but not for body text. Why was this error not caught?

I understand AP just changed the state abbreviation rule this year, but still, that's a mistake that should be caught. Why didn't he catch it? Why didn't the editor catch it?

Granted, it was a small error, but this isn't the first time I've noticed misuses in his writings. These small errors humor me though. It's always fun to laugh at the expense of someone as narcissistic as O'Brien.

I also understand that mistakes happen, but he's getting paid close to \$100,000 a year, and for the love of god, this article is published on the AJC's website.

In addition to his most recent AP style error, I have another bone to pick with him.

I'm not trying to totally bash this guy; I do respect some of the work he produces. Although, after consistently reading his articles for the past year or so, I've noticed that a good bit of them are written lackadaisically, and aren't properly edited.

I've also realized that he uses baseball clichés way too often, and uses some pretty cheesy lines.

Ex: "Could they actually ship out El Oso Blanco? Stay tuned."

In addition to being employed by the AJC, O'Brien also works for the Braves. Therefore, he writes with an apparent bias towards the club, and his articles demonstrate it. He unrealistically depicts the Braves time and time again. I understand he's trying to get paid, but there's a difference between writing to please the organization and feeding the readers a crock of shit.

To his defense, sometimes O'Brien belts out several articles in one day. I imagine he gets tired and loses focus, but if I was getting paid as much as him, I would intensely proofread every word of every article.

I'm not saying I could do O'Brien's job better than him, but as a college student and an aspiring journalist, it's somewhat embarrassing to see such an error in a major publication.

It's almost as if O'Brien, and/or his editor(s), are taking their jobs for granted. Sure, O'Brien has an abundance of connections and advantages, but there are still plenty of journalists who can produce quality beat coverage.

Plain and simple, O'Brien is a paid professional, and so is the editor of the AJC. Between the two of them, and other AJC staff members, the error shouldn't have made it to the online publication.

As an educated Atlanta Braves fan and a student of AP style, I would like to see improvements in O'Brien's writings and the oversight of the AJC editors and staff members.

College football update: Push for playoffs

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The top colleges in the nation vie for the coveted four slots in college football's first playoff postseason as the remaining five weeks tick quickly away.

Week 11 brought more major changes to the NCAA top 10 as high ranked teams fought each other for yet another pivotal win for the season.

Faced with a Texas A&M Aggie battle at home, No. 3 Auburn played one of the more significant games of the week. The Tigers went into the game with one loss under their belt, fearing a second and a hard kick out of playoff contention.

The unranked Aggies pushed Auburn the entire game, leading the game by a field goal in the middle of the fourth quarter. But two game killing fumbles in the last three minutes sealed Auburn's coffin for the 2014 season.

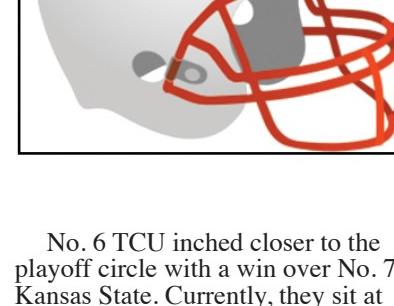
League leaders Mississippi State and Florida State added to their undefeated seasons with easy wins against UT Martin and Virginia, respectively. They maintain their first and second rankings going into week 12.

Another serious contender for the new playoff brackets are the No. 4 Oregon Ducks, who controlled their game against No. 17 Utah with two 24-point quarters.

A surprisingly exciting game entertained college fans Thursday night when low ranked Clemson nearly lost to Wake Forest. Clemson came out of the locker room after halftime with a tie game but managed to overcome a hurt starting quarterback with a 34-20 win.

Over in Louisiana, LSU forced then No. 5 Alabama into overtime with a field goal coming off a fumble recovery. The Tide secured a victory, though, with a quick touchdown, propelling them closer to playoff bowl games coming in January.

9 Auburn
(7-2) Conference (4-2)



Since 2006, Georgia has won 6 out of 8 matches and hasn't lost at home to Auburn since 2005. Georgia's running back Todd Gurley is expected to make his return after serving his 4-game suspension.

15 Georgia
(7-2) Conference (6-2)



No. 6 TCU inched closer to the playoff circle with a win over No. 7 Kansas State. Currently, they sit at No. 5 on the AP Rankings with an 8-1 record.

After suffering a painful loss against Auburn in week 10, Ole Miss easily added another victory to their record with a 48-0 shutdown of Presbyterian, obviously not feeling the loss of receiver Laquon Treadwell.

Both Georgia teams travelled to away games for week 11, playing unranked teams and seeking to crawl their way into bowl games. Kentucky handed UGA their victory on a silver platter, losing by 32 points to the Dawgs.

Likewise, Georgia Tech dominated North Carolina State by 33 points, maintaining their No. 24 ranking with two losses for the season.

Going into week 12, Mississippi State and Florida State stay at the top of playoff rankings with Oregon and Alabama following close behind.

Mississippi State and Alabama meet next week in Tuscaloosa for the key game of the afternoon, while Auburn-Georgia and Florida State-Miami will command the prime time slots.

Looking ahead to Saturday, No. 1 ranked Mississippi State will travel to Tuscaloosa to play No. 5 Alabama. This game could very well shape the rest of the season, and provide a clearer picture for the playoffs.

No. 22 ranked Georgia Tech will host No. 19 ranked Clemson. Lastly, No. 15 ranked Georgia will host No. 9 ranked Auburn.

The Bulldogs are expecting their star running back, Todd Gurley, to return to action against the Tigers. Gurley is coming off of an overall four-game suspension for violating NCAA policies by signing his own memorabilia in exchange for money.

UGA will have to beat higher-ranked Auburn in order for the team to have a slight chance of making the College Football Playoffs. Additionally, Missouri would have to lose one of their final games.

If both of the previously mentioned happen for UGA, they would have the chance to play Mississippi State, Alabama or possibly Auburn for the SEC Championship game. If UGA was to go the SEC Championship and win, they would most likely secure a spot in the College Football Playoffs.

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Tips that make cents

A comprehensive list of ways to save more money during these broke college years

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Many college students step on to campus without a clue of how to save money. Learning about college budget tips from experts and students can prevent you from facing difficult financial problems in the future.

Learning the word "no" is an important step to saving money. "I had to miss a good friend's bachelorette party in Las Vegas," said Christy Wright, a certified business coach who worked for financial expert Dave Ramsey. "I celebrated with her later and didn't have the strain of going in debt in order to have fun."

Even though budgeting may be the last item on your to do list, you can save money by spending it in a smart way. To stay on your college student budget:

1. Avoid eating out.

Eating out can be costly. "If you have a meal plan, take advantage," said economics and finance professor Brooke Conaway. There are always on campus clubs that host meetings with free food. Go check out the meeting and eat some complimentary food, you may even end up joining the club.

Remember, you are never too old to ask mommy and daddy for help. "Before I leave the house my mom always sends me back with leftovers and a trunk full of groceries that she bought for me," said criminal justice major Abby Owen.

2. Try couponing.

Getting stuck behind the person with a binder of coupons can be annoying, but saving money isn't. You don't have to become an "extreme couponer" to save on groceries and clothes. Download the RetailMeNot app on your phone and save money everywhere you go. "I always try to eat at restaurants that accept the student discount card," said sophomore math major Darby Bagwell.

3. Don't get cable.

Netflix, Hulu and YouTube are always streaming TV shows and movies for a much cheaper cost than cable.

4. Set a grocery budget.

Go to the grocery store at the beginning of the week and get everything you need. "My mom gives me thirty dollars a week to spend on groceries. Shopping with only a certain amount of money has taught me to only buy what I need," said Bagwell.

5. Live with roommates.

After freshman year, many students begin to look for off-campus housing. Post a "roommates wanted" ad in the local coffee shop and online. "I lived with as many people I could in a house, so we could split the rent and bills," said Conaway.

6. Consider becoming a community advisor.

Many community advisors get free housing. "Becoming a community advisor has definitely lessened the amount of loans I have to take out and made college easier to afford," said junior business marketing major Hope McDonald.

7. Get a job.

Having a job helps pay off loans and provides for extra spending money. Better yet, try to find a job that is in your field of study in order to gain experience along with extra cash. "I got a job as a tutor in high school, since I want to be a teacher," said Bagwell. "It worked out perfectly because I am earning money to pay for rent, but also getting to work with students, which I love."

8. Start saving now.

Just putting a little money away now will pay off in the future. Try the 52 week money challenge with your friends. Create a money jar and every week add another dollar. At the end of the year, your balance will be \$1,378.

9. Seek out Scholarships

There are many different scholarships that exist. Find the one that best fits you and apply.

Just by following a few of these guidelines, you can expect to see a difference in your bank account. Saving money can be overwhelming, but no one said staying on budget in college was easy.

Veterans museum pops-up in library



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The pop-up museum, a collaborative effort from artist Jack Leamy and Georgia College, featured a collection of interviews, photos and paintings on display to preserve the memories of veterans in the community and across the country. GC English professor Katie Simon and her students played a significant role in making it happen.

Simon teaches a course that

focuses on the politics of commemoration, personal narratives and storytelling, and the construction and control of collective identities.

She and her students collaborated with Leamy, an artist whose subject is war, to create a display filled with life and character that focused on soldiers' transition from war to civilian life. Leamy used his artistic ability to create video footage of interviews, photographs and 40 paintings to draw

attention to veterans that would otherwise be forgotten.

"Citizen Soldier: Remembering War" didn't only touch veterans in the Milledgeville community, but it also touched the lives of students.

"It's just a totally different world," said Katie Simon. "They learned about how to present themselves. I like to teach professionalism for going into the real world. That can take that into any area of life they want."



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Artist Jack Leamy poses with two of the pieces from his collection entitled "Citizen Soldier: Remembering War."

5 things to do in Milly

1 The Piano Lesson

Nov. 14, 15 & 16 at Campus Black Box Theatre

Tickets are \$5 for students, but don't let that deter you from checking out this pulitzer-prize winning show.

2 November Crop Mob

Nov. 14 & 15 at Babe and Sage Farm

Head out to the farm to help with the fall work and then enjoy some home-made chili.

3 Funky Bluester

Friday, Nov. 14 at 11 p.m. at Buffington's

Don't miss this popular trio that's considered a must-see in Atlanta and across the southeast.

4 Jammin' for Julia

Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at Centennial Center

This lip syncing competition will be held in memory of Julia Tarter. The theme is "America: Red, White, and Mu," so be sure to show up in your best patriotic wear.

5 Celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month: Creek Village

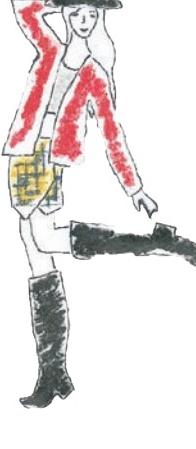
Nov. 17 & 18 on Front Campus

Learn about what life was like for Muscogee and Creek Indians in Georgia and get your questions answered by Mr. and Mrs. Neal Parr

No basics Downtown

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Ladies, your wish for sweater weather to make its appearance has been granted. However, you may think that the days of wearing miniskirts downtown are coming to an end. Now you're left with the question of what to wear that still looks attractive without making you freeze your butt off and that won't make you look like every other girl downtown? Fear not! I've chosen a few Forever 21 items to create winter outfits that will keep you warm and anything but basic.



The Preps: If your idols are Cher, Dionne and Tai from "Clueless", then plaid is probably a staple in your closet. If so, don't be afraid to double up on the plaid, as long as they have a color in common. You may be thinking that tights and a knit sweater aren't cute in any way possible. With a fall colored blazer and hat, you'll stand out and look chic, but don't forget some classic riding boots to finish off your look.



The hipsters: The hip, the cool, the lovers of anything classic. A nostalgic tank and sassy plaid jacket will definitely show off your independent, alternative vibe. Pair that with high-waisted jeans, leather hiking boots and the oh-so classic beanie, and you've got an effortlessly "hip" DT look.



The edgy ones: You're not afraid to walk in a room with a look that says "no bs today." For downtown, trade in that leather jacket for a light acid-wash denim jacket and those roughed-up combat boots for platform ankle boots. Try out a burgundy velour dress that is dark enough to retain your edgy style, but has a slim shape that is perfectly alluring for the downtown scene.

The country gals: Whether you're going to a rodeo or an over-crowded bar, those tuckered out cowboy boots are coming with you. This outfit is based on two things that seem to appear in every country/Southern movie out there: plaid and denim. To make it more suitable for winter, plaid is exchanged for a cozy flannel shirt. To avoid a possible heat stroke, you can try substituting a denim vest for a faux fur vest. Wine-colored skinny jeans are perfect for fall and those faithful old boots.

The eccentric: Crazy prints, bright colors and probably cats are your thing, so why not rock that downtown? A vibrant, printed skirt is sure to make you stand out and represent your unique sense of style. If that's not crazy enough for you, add a bright colored tank top and a shaggy layered jacket. For a little extra warmth, add semi-sheer tights and throw in a quirky bowler hat, too!



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SASS AND MILLY

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As we go through life, we are faced with the inevitable reality that it is time to put on our "big kid panties" and take off our superhero capes and princess shoes. We are so focused on staying afloat amidst waves of emails and responsibilities that parts of our childish playfulness must get left in the past.

When I was younger, I was a cat. I was convinced that instead of being a young girl who pretends to be a cat, I was a cat trapped in the body of a child. I used to ask for my food to be only served in a bowl and I rarely ever took off my pair of cat ears. My childhood gave the term "cat person" a whole new meaning.

There was something so freeing about being able to crawl around on the ground and hiss at people who made me mad. The playground at any elementary school is just like a zoo – kids frolic around and let their imaginations transform them into different animals.

While I do miss the feline days, I am glad my aspirations have evolved over time. My main concern is not about what other people think of me, but if I was caught crawling around campus, meowing at people, I'm pretty sure I would be breathalyzed.

What I love most about cats is their 'I don't give a shit' attitude. I have always been someone who likes to work for things. With cats, I feel like you have to earn their affection, whereas dogs will wag their tails for any random person.

About a week ago, I decided to foster a cat – completely on a whim. Before I knew it, my bathroom was covered in cat food, there were fuzzy mice on my bedroom floor and I was wearing more cat fur than clothing.

His name is Tom. Thomas O'Malley. He is a big orange tabby with just as big of an attitude. Being responsible for another life is one of the most challenging things I've ever had to do. I assumed that because I have experience being a cat, taking care of one would be a piece of cake.

If I'm being completely honest, Tom is an asshole. He occasionally walks across my face when I'm sleeping and when he wants a treat, he sits next to the jar and meows until he gets one. So why do I love this cat so much?

When I get home from class Tom runs up to me, stands on his back legs and stretches his paws in the air so I will pick him up and hug him; he wraps his paws around my shoulder and tucks his head under my chin. Amidst all the stress and daily responsibilities, I finally have something to look forward to at the end of the day. Having a cat at home that misses me when I'm gone makes everything feel worth it.

There is nothing I want more than to be able to keep him. My mom is allergic to cats though, so I would not be able to bring him home during school breaks. The only thing I can do at this point is love him while he's my guest and find someone who I think is worth his hugs.

**"First they came for the Socialists,
and I did not speak out - because I
was not a Socialist.**

**"Then they came for the Trade
Unionists, and I did not speak out -
because I was not a Trade Unionist.**

**"Then they came for the Jews,
and I did not speak out- because
I was not a Jew.**

**"Then they came for me - and there
was no one left to speak for me."**

- Martin Niemöller, (1892-1984)

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